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FOR THE YEAR 1969

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(Constitution at 31st December,1969)

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Deputy Medical Officer of Health

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Engineer, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector.

G.LONGLEY, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

H.V.CACKETT, M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector.

Post Vacant.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Cranbrook Rural District Council.

Mr.Chairman,Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of Cranbrook Rural District for the year 1969.

The population at mid-year 1969 as estimated by the Registrar-General was 16,560 compared with 16,490 in 1968.

The total number of births registered during the year was 225 (120 males and 105 females). The corrected birthrate per 1,000 population was 17.1 the birth rate for England and Wales being 16.3. The corresponding figures for 1968 was 18.5 and 16.9 respectively.

The number of deaths recorded during the year was 196 (108 males and 88 females). The corrected death rate for the Rural District was 10.5 compared with the death rate for England and Wales of 11.9.

Deaths from cancer numbered 46 of which fourteen were from cancer of the lung.

Two infants died under the age of one year, giving an Infant Mortality rate of 9.0 per thousand live births compared with the rate of 18.0 for England and Wales.

The number of cases of infectious disease notified during the year was 252 compared with eight cases the previous year. Of the total number recorded 242 were cases of Measles, five cases of Whooping Cough, two of Infective Jaundice and three of Scarlet Fever. The incidence of measles was exceptionally high. When the majority of our children are immune these larger epidemics will cease as most of the pathways of spread of the disease through the community will be blocked. Immunity comes of course from suffering from the disease or being immunised against it, and it is unfortunate that most parents wait for the naturally occurring disease carrying with it the risk of potentially serious complications to one in every fifteen children, rather than undergo the slight discomforts of immunisation.

Information regarding the number of persons receiving inoculations against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Smallpox etc., appear in the Table set out on Page 14. of the Report. These

details have been supplied by the County Medical Officer to whom I offer my thanks.

I am indebted to Mr.G.Longley,Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector, for the details supplied in his report on Pages 19 to 33, and thank him and Mr.Cackett not merely for this record of work well done, but for the other numerous items of service carried out in a department which is still understaffed.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Council, particularly the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, and the Chief Officers for their support throughout the year.

I am Mr.Chairman,Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.G.BRENNEN.

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES

AREA: 41,315 acres

POPULATION: 16,560 (R.G's Estimate 1969)
14,167 (R.G's Census Figure 1961)

DENSITY OF POPULATION: i.e. Number of persons per acre	0.4
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES:	5,209
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER INHABITED HOUSE:	3.2
RATEABLE VALUE: 1969	£374,764
SUM PRODUCED BY PENNY RATE 1968/69	£1,996

B I R T H S

Live Births (Registered)	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	208	114	94
Illegitimate	17	6	11
	225		

Birth Rate per 1,000 population	13.6
Corresponding Rate for 1968	14.7
Standardised Birth Rate:	17.1
Birth Rate for England and Wales	16.3

Stillbirths:	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	4	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	4		

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Births:	17.4
Corresponding Rate for 1968	8.0
Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales	13.0

D E A T H S

MALES: 108	FEMALES: 88	TOTAL:	196
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population			11.8
Corresponding Rate for 1968:			12.3
Standardised Death Rate:			10.5
Death Rate for England & Wales:			11.9
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth	Nil		
Maternal mortality per 1,000 total registered births	Nil		

Total number of deaths from:	1968	1969
Cancer (all ages)	40	46
Measles (all ages)	-	-
Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births	9.0
Corresponding Rate 1968:	12.4
Infant Mortality for England and Wales:	18.0

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:

Deaths of infants under one month of age per 1,000 live births	0.0

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:

Deaths of infants under one week of age per 1,000 live births	0.0

PERINATAL MORTALITY:

Deaths of infants under one week of age per 1,000 live and stillbirths	17.4
Perinatal Mortality for England and Wales:	23.0

TABLE NO: 1.

TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1969.

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	9	5	14
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	6	15
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	1	2
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, Etc.,	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	2	4	6
Ischaemic Heart Disease	34	15	49
Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	9	11
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	17	25
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	11	7	18
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	7	3	10
Bronchitis and Emphysema	8	-	8
Asthma	2	-	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	-	2	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	3	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All Other Accidents	1	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	108	88	196

TABLE NO: 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Measles	Whooping Cough	Infective Jaundice	Scarlet Fever	Total
Benenden	-	-	-	-	-
Cranbrook (including Sissinghurst)	144	-	1	-	145
Frittenden	10	-	-	1	11
Goudhurst	2	-	1	-	3
Hawkhurst	76	5	-	2	83
Kilndown	6	-	-	-	6
Sandhurst	4	-	-	-	4

TABLE NO: 3.

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	Jan:	Feb:	March	April	May	June	July	Aug:	Sept:	Oct:	Nov:	Dec:	Total
Measles	68	95	68	3	-	1	1	-	-	4	2	-	242
Whooping Cough	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Infective Jaundice	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
TOTALS:-	69	100	68	4	-	3	1	-	-	4	2	1	252

TABLE NO: 4.

AGES, ETC: OF CASES OF NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	TOTAL CASES (all ages)	Under 1 yr:	1 yr:	2 yrs:	3 yrs:	4 yrs:	5-9 yrs:	10-14 yrs:	15-24 yrs:	25 and over	Age unknown
Measles	242	7	17	27	29	41	102	9	6	4	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
Infective Jaundice	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
TOTALS:	252	7	18	28	29	42	104	11	8	5	-

TABLE NO: 5.

T U B E R C U L O S I S

TABLE SHOWING NEW CASES, RECOVERIES AND DEATHS IN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

	NEW CASES				RECOVERIES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-24 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64 years	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65-74 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-

TABLE NO: 6

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1969 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

Year of Birth	PRIMARY						REINFORCING					
	Triple Antigen	Diph-theria Tetanus	Small-pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-mye-litis	Triple Antigen	Diph-theria Tetanus	Small-pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-mye-litis
1969	3	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	-	-	-	-
1968	100	1	75	-	13	120	7	7	-	-	-	-
1967	3	-	-	-	17	9	22	78	-	-	-	-
1966	1	1	-	-	17	1	2	33	-	-	-	-
1965	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	11	-	-	-	15
1964	-	1	-	-	7	-	3	63	-	2	-	136
1962-1963	-	-	-	-	10	-	1	36	-	-	-	41
1953-1961	-	-	-	30	4	-	-	41	9	36	-	24
TOTAL:	107	3	75	30	77	136	35	271	9	38	-	216

TABLE NO: 7.

NURSING HOMES

	Number of Homes (1)	Number of beds provided for:		
		Maternity (2)	Others (3)	Totals (4)
Homes registered during year	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during year	-	-	-	-
Homes on the register at end of year	2	-	166	166

INTERNATIONAL VACCINATION CERTIFICATES.

Three hundred and sixty certificates requiring the signature of the doctor authenticated were dealt with during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT provided by the Kent County Council.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Enquiries relating to ambulance service matters and request for ambulance transport, are dealt with by the Kent County Council Ambulance Service from their station at Vestry Hall,Cranbrook.

PRINCIPAL WELFARE OFFICER.

Mr.W.J.Robb,
"Clermont",
High Street,
Cranbrook. Tel:No: Cranbrook 3150.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY.

The County Council arranges for the free attendance of midwives upon patients who are to be confined at home. The name and address of the appropriate midwife for any particular district is usually known to the patient's doctor, but can be obtained from the District Office of the County Council.

HOME NURSING SERVICE.

The County Council provides a service free of charge for the attendance on persons whose doctor require them to be nursed in their own homes. The nurses attendance is normally arranged by the doctor but the name and address of the appropriate nurse for any particular district is obtainable from the District Office of the County Council.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

Domestic Help Service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill,lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally sub-normal, aged or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary duties.

Area Domestic Help Organiser	- Mrs.G.Richardson, 50a,Kings Street, MAIDSTONE, Kent.
District Domestic Help Organiser	- Mrs.V.Warren, The Bungalow, 50a,Kings Street, MAIDSTONE, Kent.

NIGHT AND EVENING SERVICE.

Evening Service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night Service is provided, for no longer than three weeks, unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and who need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

FAMILY CARE SERVICE.

After consultation with the Children's Department, this service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

FAMILY WELFARE SERVICE.

This service is provided, with the parent's consent, in households where the habits,behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families,to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-up service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

The following table gives details of the Infant Welfare Centres operated by the Kent County Council:-

ADDRESS	Sessions	
	Days	Times
BENENDEN		
St.George's Room	2nd and 4th Wednesday	2 - 4p.m.
CRANBROOK		
K.C.C.Clinic, Jockey Lane.	Fridays	2 - 4p.m.
HAWKHURST		
Women's Institute Hall	2nd and 4th Thursday	2 - 4p.m.
GOUDHURST		
Ex-Servicemen's Club	1st and 3rd Thursday	2 - 4p.m.
SANDHURST		
The Old School	1st and 3rd Thursday	2 - 4 p.m.
*CYTOLOGY CLINICS		
Maidstone	Wednesday	2 - 4p.m.
Tonbridge	Thursday	2 - 4p.m.
Tunbridge Wells	Wednesday	2 - 4p.m.

* By appointment only.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. WATER SUPPLY: The District is well served by means of the Mid-Kent Water Company. A length of the A.21 from Nursery Farm to Lady Oak Lane has no main but some of the houses along the route are on private services. The provision of a main for this area is under consideration. During the year 126 yds. of 2", 1,459 yds. of 3", 1,692 yds. of 4" and 926 yds. of 8" mains were laid by the Mid-Kent Water Company.

EXAMINATION OF SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE YEAR:

	Bacteriological Examination:			Chemical Examination:		
	No: of Samples	Satis-factory	Not satis-factory	No: of Samples	Satis-factory	Not satis-factory
Statutory supply undertakings:	11	11	NIL	1	1	NIL
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources:	-	-	-	-	-	-

Proportion of the total number of dwelling houses supplied by Public Water Mains:

(a) Direct to houses: 99 %
(b) By means of stand-pipes: Nil

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL:

(a) A scheme for providing additional sewers and new disposal works at Cranbrook commenced in August.
(b) All villages now have main drainage, except the hamlet of Curtisden Green.

3. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL:

Eighty special collections of bulky materials were made during the year.

4. SWIMMING POOLS:

Number of public swimming pools		Nil
Number of school swimming pools		12
Number of private swimming pools		1
Number of visits made during year		3
Number of samples taken:	Satisfactory	Nil
	Unsatisfactory	Nil

5. INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT:

Number of complaints received and investigated		121
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year		1,593
Informal Notices:	Served during year:	112
	Complied with during year:	98
Statutory Notices:	Served during year	3
	Complied with during year:	
	(a) by owners	2
	(b) by Local Authority	1
Legal proceedings taken during year:		Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:

Housing	309
Nuisances,etc.(not included under Housing)	65
Visits to Food Premises	186
Visits re Food Complaints	6
Swimming Pools	3
Factories Act,1961	98
Offices,Shops and Railway Premises Act,1963	81
Shops Acts,1950/65	1
Petroleum Act	33
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act,1949	22
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order,1957	3
Agriculture (Safety & Welfare Provisions) Act,1956	5
Pet Animals Act,1951	6
Animals Boarding Establishments Act,1963	2
Riding Establishments Act,1964	-
Scrap Metal Dealers Act,1964	23
Offensive Trades	-
Knackers' Yards	-
Hop Pickers' Camps	45
Caravan Sites	21
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	6
Noise Abatement	8
Infectious Disease Visits	5
Meat Inspection at Slaughterhouses	44
Miscellaneous	621
	1,592

6. Hop Pickers' Camps

Number of camps in the District	38
Number of huts in the District	370
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	750
Number of inspections of hop pickers' camps during 1969	45

During recent years the trend is for Hop Growers to employ students for hop picking and to provide amenities such as W.C's and showers for them.

7. Disinfestation:

Cockroaches	14	Wasps Nests	10
Fleas	4	Bees under tiles	2
Cluster Flies	3		

8. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Properties other than Sewers:

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in district	6,027	245
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	76	12
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	67	8
(ii) Mice	5	2
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	230	36
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	29	6
(ii) Mice	NIL	2

SEWERS

4. Sewer treatment was carried out during the year and a number were infested by rats.

9. Rag,Flock & Other Filling Materials Act,1951.

Number of registered premises	Nil
Number of licensed premises	Nil

10. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order,1957.

Number of licensed premises	2
Number of inspections made during the year	3

11. Agriculture (Safety & Welfare Provisions)Act,1956.

Number of inspections made	5

12. Pet Animals Act,1951.

Number of premises licensed	2
Number of visits made	6

13. Animal Boarding Establishments Act,1963.

Number of premises licensed	1
Number of visits made	2

14. Riding Establishments Act,1964.

Number of licenses issued	Nil

15. Scrap Metal Dealers Act,1964.

Number of dealers registered	3

16. Clean Air Act,1956. .... -

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

1 - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	62	25	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	63	68	-	-
TOTAL:	137	98	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			Referred		
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	NIL	NIL	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	NIL	NIL	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	6	6	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

(A) Registrations and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	6	59	10
Retail Shops	2	112	37
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	NIL	NIL	NIL
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	NIL	12	12
Fuel Storage Depots	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTALS:	8	183	59

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act = 81

(B). Analysis of Contraventions.

Section	Contraventions	No. Found	Section	Contraventions	No. Found
4	Cleanliness	3	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	-
6	Temperature	1	15	Eating Facilities	-
7	Ventilation	-	16	Floors, passage and stairs	-
8	Lighting	-	17	Fencing exposed part machinery	-
9	Sanitary Conveniences	-	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing Facilities	-	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of Drinking water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing Accommodation	-	24	First Aid General Provisions	3
				Total:	7

The number of contraventions found were all dealt with informally.

(C)	<u>Exemptions.</u> Number of applications received	NIL
	Number of applications granted	NIL
	(i) Space	-
	(ii) Temperature	-
	(iii) Sanitary conveniences	-
	(iv) Running water	-
(D)	<u>Prosecutions.</u> Number instituted and completed during the year	NIL

(E) <u>Reported Accidents</u> - NIL

HOUSING

(A) Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts.

Number of houses rendered fit after service of notices:

	Section 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act, 1957		Public Health and similar Local Acts		TOTALS	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
(a) By Owner	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) By Local Authority	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTALS:	-	3	-	-	-	-

(B) Beyond Repair - Housing Act, 1957.

Number of	(i) Undertakings accepted (section 16)	4
	(ii) Closing Orders made (section 17)	-
	(iii) Demolition Orders made (section 17)	NIL
	(iv) Closing Orders made (section 18)	NIL
	(v) Closing Orders determined (section 27)	NIL
	(vi) Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted (section 28)	NIL
	(vii) Houses demolished following Demolition Orders	NIL

(C) Clearance Areas

(1) Represented during Year.

(i) Number of areas	NIL
(ii) Houses unfit for human habitation	NIL
(iii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc:	-
(iv) Houses on land acquired under 43(2)	-
(v) Numbers of people to be displaced	
(a) Individuals	-
(b) Families	-

(2) Action taken during the Year

(i) Houses demolished by Local Authorities or Owners:	
(a) Unfit	NIL
(b) Others	NIL
(ii) Numbers of people displaced:	
(a) Individuals	NIL
(b) Families	NIL

(3) Purchase of houses by agreement NIL

(D) Improvement Grants

(1) Standard

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(i) Number of applications received	22	8
(ii) Number of applications approved	22	8
(iii) Number of applications refused	NIL	NIL
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	11	8

	£.	s.	d.
(v) Amount paid in grants	2,765.	-	-
(vi) Average grant per house	145.	10.	-

(vii) Amenities provided	(a) Fixed bath	17
	(b) Shower	-
	(c) Wash hand basin	18
	(d) Hot water supply (to any fittings)	19
	(e) Water closet (1) within dwelling)	16
	(2) accessible from dwelling	-
	(f) Food store	8

(2) Discretionary

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(i) Number of applications received	4	22
(ii) Number of applications approved	4	22
(iii) Number of applications refused	NIL	NIL
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	6	NIL

	£.	s.	d.
(v) Amount paid in grants	2,241.	-	-
(vi) Average grant per house	373.	10.	-

(E) Improvement Areas - Housing Act, 1964. - NIL

(F) Houses in Multiple Occupation. - NIL

Land Charge Enquiries - 481

Caravans (as at 31st December, 1969)

Number of site licences issued	8
Total number of caravans permitted on licensed sites	9
Number of sites (if any) licensed for Movable Dwellings, other than caravans.	NIL

Common Lodging Houses

Number registered in District	NIL
Number of visits	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supplies

(a) Number of registered distributors 26

Number of registered dairies - Wholesale NIL
Retail 3

Milk Sampling

	Number of Samples taken	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples.
Untreated	28 for Br.Abortus	9 positive for ring test
Pasteurised	NIL	-
Sterilised	NIL	-

2. Ice Cream

Number of premises registered - (a) for the manufacture of ice cream NIL
(b) for the sale of ice cream 55

3. Premises registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Foods

Classification	No. on Register
Sausage making	11

4. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District 1

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	41	-	-	38	3	Nil
Number inspected	41	-	-	38	3	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis & cysticerci	7.3	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of slaughtermen's licences renewed during the year 6
Number of new licences issued during the year 2

5. Food Premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General)Regulations,1960.

CATEGORY OF TRADE	Number in District	Number fitted to comply with Reg:16 (wash basins)	Number to which Reg:19 applies (provision of sinks,etc.)	Number fitted to comply with Reg:19.
Bakehouses	6	6	6	6
Dairies	3	3	3	3
Butchers	11	11	11	11
Restaurants & Cafes	26	26	26	26
Confectioners	23	23	23	23
Fish-Shops	3	3	-	-
Licensed premises	33	33	33	33
Grocers	37	37	37	37
Greengrocers	3	3	-	-

6. Food & Drugs Act,1955.

Details of samples taken by the Kent County Sampling Officers within the CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT during the year ended the 31st December,1969.

	Number of Samples Taken	
	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory
Milk	30	1
Tinned meats,meat,fish, fish and meat pastes	2	-
Sugar,sugar confectionery,flour confectionery, chocolate products,cereals ...	13	1
Tea,coffee,cocoa,beverages,minerals,cordials	5	-
Jams,preserves,honey,jellies	7	-
Dried fruit,raw fruit,vegetables,tinned fruit and vegetables	4	-
Pickles,sauces,vinegar,condiments ...	4	-
Drugs,medicines	5	-
Beer,wines,spirits	7	-
Miscellaneous	9	-
	86	2

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Untreated Jersey Milk - Deficient in fat. Follow-up sample satisfactory.
Bread - Part of bag label in bread. Bakers cautioned.

7. The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

Number of egg pasteurisation plants in the district NIL.

8. Poultry Inspection.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

9. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Fish	-	-	1	-	-
Meat	-	1	1	9	-
Tinned Foods	-	-	3	-	-
Other Food	55	12	-	-	-

Method of disposal of condemned food:

Meat stained before collection for industrial use. Other foodstuffs buried in refuse tip.

A large consignment of imported fruit and vegetables was found to be unsound due to shipping delay.

R A I N F A L L

The monthly figures in inches for rainfall recorded at the Council's Depot at Cranbrook are as follows:-

	Rainfall	No. of days on which a measurable quantity fell
January	3.25	18
February	2.25	14
March	2.37	11
April	0.97	11
May	2.66	23
June	2.23	13
July	3.19	7
August	3.46	15
September	1.02	7
October	0.29	4
November	6.24	21
December	3.04	20
TOTAL:	30.97	164

The average annual rainfall over the previous 9 years was 31.97 ins:

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1969

			Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area.
LIVE BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	114	295	100	64	258	259	290	1,380
		Female	94	284	91	66	265	252	291	1,343
		Total	208	579	191	130	523	511	581	2,723
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	6	21	8	6	14	9	33	97
		Female	11	18	7	8	11	11	32	98
		Total	17	39	15	14	25	20	65	195
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS			225	618	206	144	548	531	646	2,918
CRUDE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 of mid year population 1969			13.6	13.8	11.3	14.7	18.6	18.3	14.4	15.1
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General			1.26	1.07	1.13	1.14	1.03	0.98	1.10	-
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE			17.1	14.8	12.8	16.8	19.2	17.9	15.8	-
STILL BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	1	5	2	-	4	1	2	15
		Female	3	5	1	1	3	5	5	23
		Total	4	10	3	1	7	6	7	38
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
		Female	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
		Total	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS			4	12	3	1	8	6	7	41
STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births			17	19	14	7	14	11	11	13.9
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS			229	630	209	145	556	537	653	2,959

		Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
INFANT DEATHS (under one year)	Male	1	2	3	2	6	5	7	26
	Female	1	5	-	-	6	3	4	19
	TOTAL	2	7	3	2	12	8	11	45
NFANT MORTALITY RATES:									
11 infants per 1,000 live births		9	11	15	14	22	15	17	15.4
EO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births		0.0	8	10	14	15	9	14	10.6
ARLY NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births		0.0	8	10	14	11	9	12	9.6
ERI-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births		17	27	24	21	25	20	23	23.3
ATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEATHS	Male	108	213	101	57	154	143	278	1,054
	Female	88	208	131	83	149	146	443	1,248
	TOTAL	196	421	232	140	303	289	721	2,302
RUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 of mid year population 1969		11.8	9.4	12.8	14.3	10.3	10.0	16.0	11.9
omparability factor supplied by Registrar General		0.89	0.96	0.77	0.83	0.85	0.95	0.55	-
DJUSTED DEATH RATE		10.5	9.0	9.9	11.9	8.8	9.5	8.8	-

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Other Tuberculosis	-	2	2
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	2	1	3
Syphilis and its Sequelae	1	-	1
Meningococcal Infection	-	1	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.,	3	5	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	6	5	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	24	14	38
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	19	45	64
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	83	24	107
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	50	50
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	12	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	18	-	18
Leukaemia	8	4	12
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	72	63	135
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	4	3	7
Diabetes Mellitus	3	10	13
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	-	3	3
Anaemias	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Blood, Etc.,	-	4	4
Mental Disorders	1	1	2
Meningitis	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.,	9	13	22
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	4	17	21
Hypertensive Disease	15	28	43
Ischaemic Heart Disease	291	253	544
Other Forms of Heart Disease	46	95	141
Cerebrovascular Disease	104	216	320

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TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tunbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	-
3	2	7	1	3	4	-	2	7	2	4	-	-	3
-	2	8	10	2	4	-	2	2	6	3	7	4	14
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
9	5	15	5	7	3	7	1	16	2	13	3	16	5
-	4	-	12	-	5	-	7	-	9	-	3	-	10
-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	5
2	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	7	-
-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	2	1	1	2
9	6	17	11	8	14	3	4	10	4	9	8	16	16
1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-
1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	4	-	1	-	2	3	1	2	1	3	3
-	1	1	3	1	3	-	3	1	2	-	-	1	5
2	4	4	5	1	3	-	1	2	3	3	6	3	6
34	15	57	41	28	19	18	15	32	33	46	32	76	98
2	9	9	13	3	9	4	5	5	6	5	13	18	40
8	17	21	32	2	11	6	15	10	32	19	26	38	83

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	60	108	168
Influenza	15	14	29
Pneumonia	69	102	171
Bronchitis and Emphysema	61	17	78
Asthma	2	-	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	17	16	33
Peptic Ulcer	6	8	14
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	6	8	14
Cirrhosis of Liver	4	1	5
Other Diseases of Digestive System	8	17	25
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	6	9
Hyperplasia of Prostate	8	-	8
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	9	14	23
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	1	2
Diseases of Musco-Skeletal System	4	7	11
Congenital Anomalies	11	6	17
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour,Etc.,	4	1	5
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	5	6	11
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	9	16	25
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14	7	21
All Other Accidents	6	14	20
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	9	4	13
All Other External Causes	5	2	7
TOTALS	1,054	1,248	2,302

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tunbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
11	7	12	14	5	20	3	4	8	14	8	10	13	39
-	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	7	1	-	-	4	6
7	3	9	18	11	14	4	6	8	8	8	9	22	44
8	-	16	4	7	2	2	2	7	2	4	4	17	3
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	3	2	4	1	-	2	1	1	3	2	5	8
-	2	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	3
1	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	3
-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	2	5	1	4	2	2	1	-	1	1	1	4
-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	2
2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
1	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	1	9
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-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	3
-	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	4	2	-	3	4	5
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1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	10
-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	1	4	1
-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	-
108	88	213	208	101	131	57	83	154	149	143	146	278	443